

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for indicating the status of a battery in a portable computing device, the method comprising:

retrieving battery status data from a basic input-output system (BIOS) on the computing device by an applications program initiating a BIOS interrogating routine to retrieve battery status, the battery status data reflective of a characteristic of the battery;

comparing the retrieved battery status data to a predefined battery status threshold stored on the computing device; and

based on the comparison of the battery status data to the predefined battery status threshold, providing a battery status indicator to ~~[[an]]~~ the applications program on the computing device, wherein the applications program includes a user interface to a remote network, for integration into the user interface of the applications program.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving battery status data from a basic input-output system (BIOS) on the computing device comprises retrieving battery status data relating to the voltage of the battery from the BIOS on the computing device.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein providing the battery status indicator comprises providing a battery status indicator that causes a low battery alert to be provided when the comparison indicates that the battery status data is less than the predefined status threshold.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein providing ~~displaying~~ the battery status indicator comprises displaying a gauge representative of a current battery status.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the predefined battery status threshold is user-definable.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method for indicating the status of a battery in a portable computing device, the method comprising:

retrieving battery status data from a basic input-output system (BIOS) on the computing device by an applications program initiating a BIOS interrogating routine to retrieve battery status, the battery status data reflective of a characteristic of the battery;

comparing the retrieved battery status data to a predefined battery status threshold stored on the computing device; and

based on the comparison of the battery status data to the predefined battery status threshold, providing a battery status indicator to ~~[[an]]~~ the applications program on the computing device, wherein the applications program includes a user interface to a remote network, for integration into the user interface of the applications program.

Claim 9 (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 8, having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for retrieving battery status data relating to the voltage of the battery from the BIOS on the computing device.